

CAPSULE
400 ALLEGHENY AVENUE

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Pinkerton House

ANO/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

400 Allegheny Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

The Equitable Trust Co.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Liber #: 5524

Folio #: 254

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE May, 1979

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior Only:

Pre-dating most of the houses in this three square block neighborhood of West Towson is this house standing on the northwest corner of Allegheny and Central Avenues.

The 2½ story house was built before 1915 as a frame structure originally covered with brown wooden shingles. The five bay by five bay square building rests on a high stone foundation and is topped by a jerkin-head cross gable roof.

The main facade facing south is covered with aluminum siding painted white and applied in horizontal strips. The fenestration is regular in placement, however, there have been modern alterations in the first story windows. The main entrance is centrally located.

A single story porch rests on high brick piers and is reached by seven wooden steps now in need of repair. A balustrade railing surrounds the porch itself. Lattice work is used between the floor of the porch and the ground. The covering roof is supported by six thin truncated doric columns and entablature. Hooks on the west end are indicative of a porch swing once located there.

The second level displays the regular 2/2 sash fenestration.

The steeply pitched gable end with jerkin-head roof is lighted by a small round arched 1/1 sash window.

The deep eaves of this roof have thin horizontally placed tongue-and-groove soffit.

A brick corbeled chimney pierces the roof of the east-to-west crossing gable in each end on this facade.

Some original features are still present on the west facade. Among these are the rich dark brown wooden shingles covering the walls and an unaltered 2/2 sash window occupying three bays.

The third level, with a character all its own, has a centrally located window group composed of a regular 2/2 sash window flanked by narrow 1/1 sash. The pitch of this gable end is much wider than that of the main facade, and is also characterized by the splendid jerkin-head roof. The deep eaves of the roof extend inward between the second and third level approximately two feet (suggestive of a pediment).

The north facade is covered with the brown wooden shingles as well. With the exception of a pair of altered windows in the east bay of the first level, the fenestration remains constant. There is an entrance in the west bay which is covered with an extremely slanted shed roof. Although the fenestration is regular on the second level, three of the

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openings are off center to the West.

The roof has two evenly spaced hipped roof dormers which are also covered with shingles. Each is vented by graceful round arch 1/1 sash windows.

The east facade, which faces Central Avenue, is covered with the same aluminum siding as that facade facing Allegheny Avenue. There have been some alterations in the first level windows, however, the second level remains unchanged. The fenestration is somewhat irregular in that the two southernmost bays contain only one centrally located window opening on two levels.

The central bays of all three levels are occupied by an entrance doorway, although each one is different. The first level door has side lights and a transom. The second level has none, and the third level has side lights only.

A three story centrally located porch covers all three openings. The second and third story roofs are supported by single story thin doric columns. Each level is partially enclosed with a low balustrade railing,

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1905 - 1911

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Land Records
 Baltimore County Tax Assessment Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

D. Owings Schultz

WAYNE L. NIELD, II

ORGANIZATION

HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE FOR # 400 ALLEGHENY AVE.

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
5524	254	April 24, 1975	Mortgager - John A. Farley, Jr. et al	Mortgagee - The Equitable Trust Company
Beginning on the north side of Allegheny Ave. with the west side of Central Ave. North 77½° West 110 ft., North 12½° East 150 ft., to an alley, South 77½° East 110 ft., South 12½° West 150 ft. to beginning.				
5524	252	April 24, 1975	Nigelia E. Martinez	John A. Farley, Jr. et al
4084	237	December 12, 1962	C. Nathan Debaugh	Nigelia E. Martinez
Known as # 400 Allegheny Ave.				
1255	346	September 28, 1942	Samuel R. Damon & wife	Leonore Gray Debaugh
866	99	Novmeber 14, 1930	Trustees of Towson Methodist Episcopal Church	Samuel R. Damon & wf.
599	486	May 9, 1924	W. Clarence Craumer et al	Trustees of Towson Methodist Episcopal Church
512	393	June 26, 1919	Milton H. Pinkerton & wife	W. Clarence Craumer et al
285	65	April 4, 1905	Arthur L. Bosley et al Trustee	Ellenor L. Pinkerton

"...Ellenor L. Pinkerton covenants that she will not erect...
on said lot any dwelling to cost less than \$2,500 and that
no building to be erected by her...will be nearer the line
(of Allegheny Ave.) than 25 feet."

By was of Last Will and Testament of Grafton M. Bosley
dated January 14, 1901 and recorded in Will Book 12/111
Arthur L. Bosley and Richard H. Pleasants were appointed
trustees of his estate with full power to sell.

TAX ASSESSMENT RECORDS

1911 Tax Assessment Record for Baltimore County, District 9

Milton H. Pinkerton

Lot on the northeast corner of Central and Allegheny Avenues
110' x 150'

Frame house on same

MORTGAGE RECORD

Mortgage Book 210, Folio 131 July 15, 1899

Dr. Grafton M. Bosley to the Maryland Title Insurance & Trust Company
for \$11,500

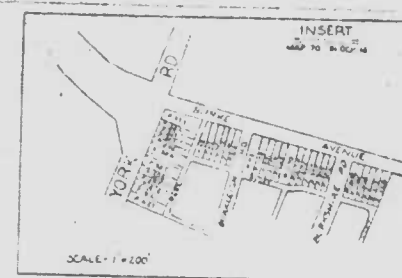
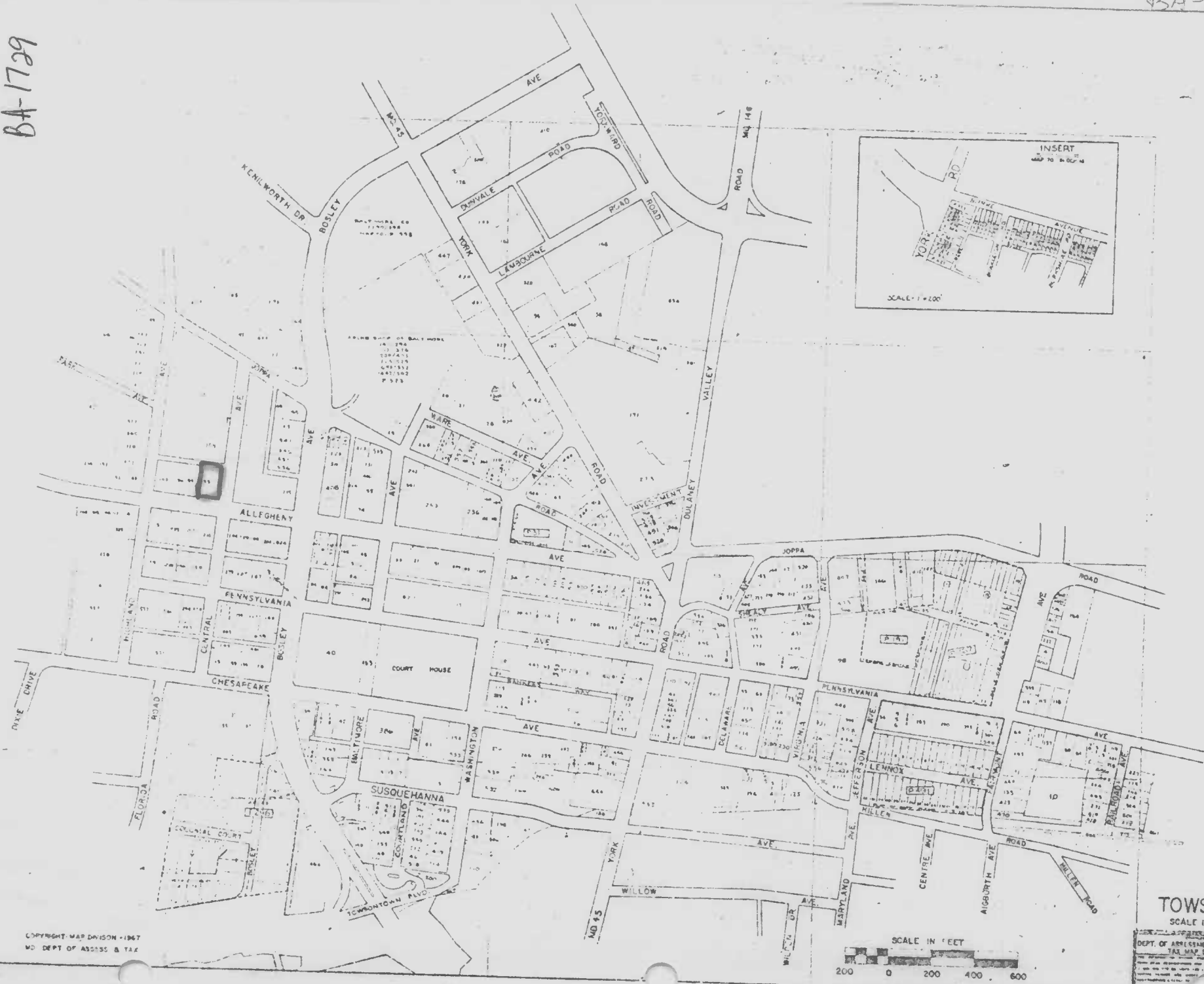
Twelve lots situated West of Towson represented on a plat filed with
the mortgage.

For the purpose of making accessible the said lots, the following
Avenues represented on the plat "are hereby dedicated to public use...":

Chesapeake Avenue
Pennsylvania Avenue
Allegheny Avenue
Highland Avenue
Bosley Avenue

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